



STUDYING the FOSSILS



- A Paleontologist is a scientist who studies fossils.
- A Fossil is a part of a living thing that has been preserved in sedimentary rocks.
- After it died, that part of the living thing became trapped in mud, or was covered in sand. More sediment covered it, and squashed that layer into becoming rock. The hard bits of that body part become mineralised with calcium carbonate from that rock, and was thus fossilised. (Variations of this type can be studied on Page 86.)